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To: Examiner David Blum
Group Art Unit No. 2813
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Re: Enclosed Amendment and Excess Claim Fee Payment letter
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/883,981
Our Ref: BUR.038DIV

Dear Examiner:

Please find enclosed an Amendment in response to the Office Action dated May 10, 2004 which should place this case in condition for allowance. An Excess Claim Fee Payment letter is also enclosed.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,



Phillip E. Miller

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Enclosure

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

John W. ANDREWS et al.

Serial No.: 09/883,981

Group Art Unit: 2813

Filed: June 20, 2001

Examiner: David S. Blum

For: LOW COST SHALLOW TRENCH ISOLATION USING NON-CONFORMAL
DIELECTRIC MATERIALHonorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER**

Sir:

Submitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

	<u>After Amendment</u>	<u>Prev. Paid for</u>	<u>Extra Claims Present</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
Total claims	23	20	8	18.00	\$54.00
Indep. claims	3	3	0	84.00	\$0.00
Total Additional Fee for this Amendment					\$54.00

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$54.00 to Assignee's Deposit Account No. 09-0456 to cover the cost of the Excess Claim Fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Assignee's Deposit Account No. 09-0456.

Respectfully Submitted,

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated May 10, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: